

REMARKS

Claims 13, 14 and 16-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13 and 16 are amended.

The Office Action rejects claims 13-14 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) by U.S. Patent 6,388,714 to Schein et al. (hereafter Schein). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 13 recites a terminal configured to request said data for acquiring said broadcasting program from a broadcasting station using an IP address stored in storage means and to receive said data from said broadcasting station, the IP address being a homepage address of the broadcasting station. Independent claim 13 further recites the storage means in said terminal configured to store said received data, wherein said received data includes time information for said broadcasting program and a broadcasting source information.

Schein does not teach or suggest these features. More specifically, Schein does not specifically disclose a homepage address of a broadcasting station. Rather, Schein merely relates to a website that may provide a television schedule guide. For example, Schein specifically discloses that the servers 350 may be assigned the domain name "invoice.com." This is not discussed as a homepage address of a broadcasting station. Schein relates to an entire television guide (or portions thereof) that may be provided on the website, such as at HTTP://www.invoice.com. There is no teaching or suggestion how a specific broadcasting station's homepage address may be accessed. Accordingly, Schein does not teach or suggest a terminal to request data for acquiring the broadcasting program from a broadcasting station

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using an IP address and to use the data where the IP address is a homepage address of the broadcasting station. Thus, independent claim 13 defines patentable subject matter.

Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 13, 14 and 16-18 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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